

# Department of Natural Resources Impact in Crawford County

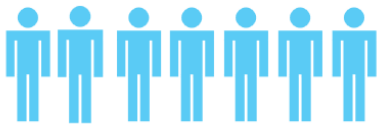
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



## Did you know?

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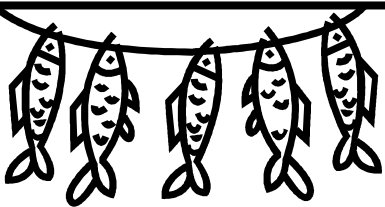
**763,384**



**RESIDENT HUNTERS**

In 2011, fishing in Wisconsin had an economic impact of over

**\$1.4 billion**



In Crawford County, **19,542** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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## Investments in Recreation

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **174 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Crawford County.

In 2014, DNR stocked **540 pheasants in Crawford County**. This results in increased hunting opportunities, which helps the local economy. Pheasant stocking continues to be a priority to promote and sustain pheasant hunting in Wisconsin.

Crawford County has over **15,399 acres** of state owned lands open to public hunting and outdoor recreation.

The DNR recently invested **\$5,586 in state managed properties** in Crawford County, including work on the Rush Creek Wildlife Area.

## Community Partnerships

Crawford County has **55 public water systems** that the DNR oversees to ensure they deliver safe water. Wisconsin has more public water systems than any other state in the nation.

The DNR continues to work closely with staff and board members from the **Lower Wisconsin State Riverway**. The Riverway hosts thousands of visitors every year that recreate on and off the water generating tourism dollars with Crawford County and surrounding counties and communities.

## Snapshot of grants in Crawford County

A total of **\$1,014,042** was awarded in Crawford County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety and forestry activities**.

**\*\*Numbers reflect the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 time period.**

## Forestry Activities

Forestry is the one of the **top 10 employers** in Crawford County. It produces an economic output of **\$63.1 million** providing **\$20.6 million** in added value.

Since June 2010, **DNR has provided over \$80,833 to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands and waters.**

Since 2011, Crawford County has received **\$39,034 in Urban Forestry Grants to support new, innovative projects that will develop sustainable urban and community forestry programs.**

**Crawford County has 4,752 acres of private land open for public access for recreation as a result of tax law programs** (Forest Crop and MFL). The Tax Law Programs encourage proper management of timber, wildlife, water quality and the environment through written management plans (orders) for a landowner's property.

Since 2011, **DNR has granted \$3,652 to local Fire Departments** in Crawford County to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety on wild land fires.

## Environmental Cleanup Efforts

**DNR continues to work extensively with the city of Prairie du Chien to assist with the cleanup** of more than a dozen former industrial, dry cleaner and petroleum sites near the historic downtown.

The DNR awarded approximately **\$2,225 in grants** to the North Crawford School District in 2013-14 with U.S. EPA Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) funds **for emission reductions from diesel equipment.**

**2 new sand mine compliance positions were authorized** in the latest State Budget. **DNR is inspecting sand mining related operations at a greater rate** due to these additional positions.

## Deer Management in Crawford County

In 2014, Crawford County established a County Deer Advisory Council. One council per county, they provide input and recommendations to the DNR on deer management.

DNR worked with two landowners who have 300 acres enrolled in the Deer Management Assistance Program to improve wildlife habitat on their property.

In 2013, a total of 4,411 deer were registered in Crawford County with 652 harvested during archery deer season and 3,759 harvested during the gun deer season.